



## Panoramians decorate brightly for the holidays



### Best of the Season

**Mark and Laurie Frese**

**124 Coral Court**

Last year they were Most Joyful. This year they moved up to Best of the Season. The Frese's have got this holiday decorating thing down to a science, with Laurie serving as chief designer and Mark figuring out how to rig it up. Their wonderful corner lot was lit up from one side to the other with something for Panorama residents of all ages.



### Most Joyful

**Jamie and Cindy Malone**

**22 Winged Foot Drive**

Most Panorama holiday yard decorators concentrate on the front yard. This is actually a shot of the back yard of the Malone's impressive entry. The front was even more elaborate with new green and red accent lights on the house.



### Most Colorful

**Randy and Leslie Taylor**

**34 Blush Hill**

It was worth a trip to the east end of Blush Hill to see the colorful arrangement of lights at the Taylor's very fashionable home. If you timed it right, you might have caught a glimpse of Santa on a ladder stringing some lights.



### Most Inspirational

**Robby and Tricia Mathews**

**56 Jackrabbit**

The Mathews and their next-door neighbors, the Heffermans, battle it out every year for supremacy on Jackrabbit Road. This year the Mathews introduced a new all-white color scheme and caught the judge's eyes.



### Best Newcomer

**Josiah and Jamie Brett**

**41 Greentree**

New to Panorama and new to holiday decorating, the Brett's went all-in this year with an elaborate entry to rival the Jackrabbit Road crowd. There was even a Christmas movie playing on a large screen in the driveway.



## Panorama residents give cheer to area seniors

Panorama resident Barbara Parker joined with other area merchants and citizens to donate bags of Christmas gifts to senior citizens through the Montgomery County Meals on Wheels organization. "We know that Meals on Wheels does a great job providing food for these people, but this year because of the COVID pandemic, many of them are separated from their families. We wanted them to

have something besides food to enjoy on Christmas day."

Barbara and her staff at Barbara Parker Diamond Vault joined with dozens of other Meals on Wheels supporters to assemble hundreds of stockings with candy, cookies, scarves, hair ribbons and personal care items to deliver along with the regular food items.



## ON THE TEE BOX *With Ruthie McGrath*

The Houston area is becoming extremely popular for sites of Regional and National Tournaments. Champions Golf Club was founded in 1956 by Jackie Burke, Jr. and Jimmy Demaret. It is a well known Houston private club for members and their guests only.

Champions has hosted many important and prestigious tournaments, such as the Houston Open, Ryder Cup, several Tour Championships, U.S. Amateur, U.S. Open, U.S. Senior Amateur, two U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championships and now the 75th U.S. Women's Open.

The 2020 U.S. Women's Open was to be played in June, but was postponed to December 10-14. because of the COVID pandemic. The first two days of the tournament were played on the Jackrabbit Course and the renowned Cypress Creek Course. These two types of courses made it a true test for the players.

Panorama residents Marian Leighty, Jackie Dupree, and Richard Kobarg were scheduled to work the tournament as volunteers. When it was decided that no spectators would be allowed on the course grounds, their service was not needed.

Panorama Golf Club has been such a friend to Golf as it has volunteered

to host tournaments in various circumstances when needed. A number of years ago the club stepped in for another club to host the Texas State Women's Championship and received praises for that. In November Panorama PGC hosted the Texas Pinehurst Championship, which was a two lady team tournament. The feedback was they loved the course and club. In May PGC will host the Texas Golf Association Mid-Amateur Qualifier.

These tournaments draw prestigious players and the word travels fast that Panorama Golf Club is an excellent place to have a tournament. The Grounds Superintendent and his Maintenance Crew have worked hard to maintain the course in excellent condition.

In the future we will have six Southern Texas Golf Association Tournaments and one Pro Senior Tournament. Several local organizations such as the Conroe Noon Lions Club and other groups have booked functions at PGC as they also see the commitment of the City Council, Sterling Management and staff and residents to make PGC the best it can be.

Because of this they are requesting PGC as their preferred place to play!

## Butch Bateman joins Panorama Lions board

Butch Bateman has been appointed to the board of directors of the Panorama Lions Club as Activities Director. One of the primary activities of the club is the very popular and successful



Flags With Pride program, which Butch has been heading up for the past year.

If you are new to Panorama and would like to subscribe to the flag program, you can go to the Panorama Lions website at [www.panoramalions.com](http://www.panoramalions.com) and click on the Flags With Pride button at the top of the home page. You can also call Butch at (936) 523-0323 and he will be glad to bring you an application and welcome you to the neighborhood.

The cost is \$40 per year and covers six holidays (President's Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Veteran's Day). You can pay online with Visa, MasterCard or PayPal.

## Samaritans donate to Willis Food Pantry program

The Panorama Samaritans, derailed by the coronavirus pandemic from their usual holiday shopping spree to benefit Willis area underprivileged children, came up with a good Plan B to support the Willis TLC Food Pantry and their efforts to help area families celebrate the holidays. According to organizer Betty Emmons, the Samaritans were able to raise \$4,000 to help purchase extra food and other household items.

"Our donation even allowed them to distribute perishable food items, which they normally don't provide," Betty said. "I want to thank all our Panorama neighbors for their generosity. The food pantry people were thrilled to receive our gift."

## Yard of the Month **GOLF COURSE**

Sarah Baxter  
316 Rolling Hills

